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PASS DEPT OF ENERGY FOR JACK SHICK.

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REFS: (A) SHICK-SENS TELCON 4/27/78, (B) OSLO A-010, (C) OSLO 5354
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1. ORGANIZATION OF ENERGY MINISTRY:

A. MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY, BJARTMAR GJERDE, AT TOP OF ORGANIZATION PYRAMID, IS FOLLOWED BY STATE SECRETARY, PERMANENT SECRETARY, FOUR DEPARTMENTS AND AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

B. STATE SECRETARY POSITION (TRYGVE TAMBURSTUEN) (UNDERSECRETARY IN U.S. PARLANCE) IS POLITICAL APPOINTEE AND ONE MOST CONCERNED, AFTER THE MINISTER, WITH MINISTRY'S POLITICAL IMAGE AND ITS RESPONSIVENESS TO POLITICAL NEEDS.

C. PERMANENT SECRETARY (ERIK HIMLE) IS HIGHEST RANKING CAREER CIVIL SERVANT. POSITION IS CONCERNED WITH OVER-ALL OPERATION OF MINISTRY.

D. PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (DIRECTOR GENERAL:
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KARL EDVIN MANSHAUS) INCLUDES THREE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT DIVISIONS AND SECRETARIAT FOR SAFETY AND EMERGENCY.

PETROLEUM NEGOTIATION DEPARTMENT (DIRECTOR GENERAL: KNUT DAEHLIN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: OLA WATTNE) INCLUDES NEGOTIATION, LEGAL, AND PETROLEUM ECONOMICS DIVISIONS.

WATER RESOURCES AND POWER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT (DIRECTOR GENERAL: HANS-LUDVIG DEHLI) INCLUDES WATER RESOURCES, CONCESSION, AND ELECTRICITY DIVISIONS.

GENERAL ENERGY POLICY DEPARTMENT (DIRECTOR GENERAL: GUNNAR VATTEN) INCLUDES ENERGY, RESEARCH AND PLANNING, AND PRICE AND MARKET DIVISIONS.

2. MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY WAS FORMED IN JANUARY 1978 TO HANDLE ENERGY AFFAIRS TRANSFERRED PRINCIPALLY FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY GJERDE WAS NAMED ENERGY MINISTER, AND MOST OF NEW MINISTRY WAS STAFFED WITH ENERGY AFFAIRS PEOPLE FROM INDUSTRY MINISTRY.

3. BIO DATA ON NORWEGIAN PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS ON MAY 11:

A. REIDAR ENGELL OLSEN
BORN 1933 IN TINN, TOWN ABOUT 150 MILES WEST OF OSLO. MARRIED.
ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM GOTEBOG (SWEDEN) TECHNICAL COLLEGE.
OPERATIONS ENGINEER FOR NORSK HYDRO COMPANY; MAYOR OF TINN;
UNDERSECRETARY, INDUSTRY MINISTRY, SINCE 1973.

B. TRYGVE TAMBURSTUEN (PHONETIC: TOM BUR STU EN) BORN 1946 IN OTTA, TOWN ABOUT 200 MILES NORTH OF OSLO. MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN. SCHOOLING IN OTTA, BUSINESS SCHOOL IN OSLO. ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL LABOR
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PARTY CHAPTER AT AGE 17. RIGHT HAND MAN AND SPEECH WRITER TO MINISTER GJERDE (PHONETIC: YAIR DA) IN MINISTRY OF CHURCH AND EDUCATION (1971-72), INDUSTRY (1973-78), AND ENERGY.

C. OLA WATTNE (PHONETIC: VAHT NA)
BORN 1943 IN OSLO. MARRIED, ONE CHILD. LAW DEGREE, OSLO UNIVERSITY, 1970. PROGRESSED FROM LEGAL ADVISOR, INDUSTRY MINISTRY PETROLEUM OFFICE, 1972; TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ENERGY MINISTRY PETROLEUM NEGOTIATION DEPARTMENT, 1978; HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY, INCLUDING FOUR VISITS TO U.S.. RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING CONCESSIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH OIL COMPANIES. CONSERVATIVE PARTY MEMBER.

D. BENGT LIE HANSEN (PHONETIC: HAHN SON)
BORN 1948. ECONOMICS DEGREE. JUNIOR OFFICER IN INDUSTRY MINISTRY, 1975-78, ENERGY MINISTRY, 1978.
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